

April 19, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“The LORD God Graciously Delivers His Covenant Demands” (Part 2) – Exodus 20:1-21

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-18) to Answer from the Text:

1. In the first commandment, what was Israel not to have (v. 3)? What does this mean?
2. In the second commandment, what were Israelites forbidden to make (vv. 4-6)? What happens to generations of families that either obey or disobey?
3. In the third commandment, what was not to be taken in vain (v. 7)? What does “in vain” mean?
4. In the fourth commandment, what is to be kept holy (vv. 8-11)? What does this mean?
5. In the fifth commandment, who is to be honored (v. 12a)? What is the promise connected to this commandment (v. 12b)?
6. In the sixth commandment, what must never be done (v. 13)? What does this mean?
7. In the seventh commandment, what must people not commit (v. 14)? What does this mean?
8. In the eighth commandment, what must not be done (v. 15)? What does this mean?
9. In the ninth commandment, what are people not to do (v. 16)? What does this mean?
10. In the tenth commandment, what must never be done (v. 17)? What does this mean?
11. What happened when the people heard God’s voice (vv. 18-19)?
12. What was one of the reasons God spoke to the people as He did (v. 20)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

13. Who was the first human idolator?
14. How does ignorance of God's Word make one susceptible to idolatry?
15. How is idolatry manifested in a person's life? What are some forms of idolatry people practice today?
16. What are the two parts of the second commandment?
17. Why is the Incarnation of Christ Jesus an insufficient justification for making pictorial representations of Him?
18. Why are so-called pictures of Jesus illegitimate for educational purposes?
19. How is Leviticus 18:5 often misunderstood and misused? How should it be properly interpreted?
20. What does Paul mean when he says in Galatians 3:12, quoting Leviticus 18:5, that the "one who does them (i.e. performs the Law) shall live by them"? Does Paul misunderstand Leviticus 18:5?
21. What does it mean to "take God's name in vain"?
22. How extensive are God's commandments?
23. What are some unique Jewish elements that are combined with the Sabbath commandment in the Mosaic Law?
24. How do we know that the Fourth Commandment applies to us today and is not just a Jewish feature that expired with the arrival of the New Covenant?